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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, TH  
SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT ELEMENTS

1. AS PART OF OVERALL STREAMLINING OF COMMAND STRUCTURE  
IN CONNECTION WITH REDUCED US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAI-  
LAND, SECDEF DIRECTED REDESIGNATION OF US ARMY SUPPORT  
COMMAND, THAILAND, AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND THAILAND  
SUPPORT GROUP UNDER THE COMMAND OF COMMANDER, USMACHTAI/  
JUSMAG, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974.

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2. USMACHTAI PERSONNEL ENJOY PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

UNDER ARTICLE V11 OF THE 1950 MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND 1965 EXCHANGE OF NOTES EXTENDING THAT AGREEMENT TO MACTHAI. ADMINISTRATIVE REALIGNMENT WOULD BE FACILITATED IF THAI ACCEPT THAT SUPPORT GROUP PERSONNEL AS PART OF MACTHAI NOW WILL ALSO COME UNDER THOSE AGREEMENTS. FYI DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE THAI ARE NOT OBLIGED RPT NOT OBLIGED TO EXTEND TO SUPPORT GROUP THE P&I BENEFITS UNDER ABOVE AGREEMENTS. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THAI IN MANNER EMBASSY SEES MOST LIKELY TO GAIN THAI ACCEPTANCE THAT AS INTEGRAL PART OF MACTHAI, SUPPORT GROUP AND ITS PERSONNEL WILL BE COVERED BY 1950 AGREEMENT AND 1965 EXCHANGE OF NOTES. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT A MISSION OF SUPPORT GROUP IS TO SUPPORT DIRECTLY US MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THAILAND. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY RTG AS ONE

STEP IN IMPLEMENTATION OF FORCE REDUCTION AND WILL NOT ELICIT DEBATE ON SCOPE OF AGREEMENT'S INTENDED APPLICATION. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY APPROACH TO RTG SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE LIKELIHOOD OF RAISING THIS ISSUE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE FURTHER EXCHANGE OF NOTES WILL BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH APPLICABILITY OF 1950 AGREEMENT TO THIS ADDITIONAL SEGMENT OF MACTHAI/JUSMAG. KISSINGER

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